(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Registration of Universities

497. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has decided against the universities registered in one State from getting recognition from the universities located in other States;

(b) if so, how the working of Amity and Rai University has been affected; and

(c) what happens to the students of these Universities whose education has come to an abrupt halt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court Orders in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 19/2004: Prof. Yash Pal & Ors. *Vs.* State of Chhattisgarh & Ors., declared the provisions of the State Act permitting off-campus centres outside Chhattisgarh to be ultra vires of the Constitution. Thus the private universities established under the Act have ceased to exist. The Supreme Court directed that the State Government may take appropriate measures to have these institutions affiliated to the already existing State Universities in Chhattisgarh. It was further directed that the benefit of affiliation of an institution shall be extended only if it fulfills the requisite norms and standards laid down for such purpose and not to every kind of institution. Regarding technical, medical or dentals colleges, etc. affiliation may be accorded if they have been established after fulfilling the prescribed criteria laid down by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India or any other statutory authority and with their approval or sanction as prescribed by law.

Admission to NTs

498. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: